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October 16, 1963 - Wednesday

Leo Welch, of the US Commercial Satellite Corporation, came to see me this morning with Mr. Meadows of our Embassy. The negotiation in which he is engaged, to form an international group to finance the future huge activities of this enterprise, was fascinating.

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Jean Monnet called me last night, and came in this morning. He is to return tomorrow for a further discussion about his views on how the agricultural difficulties existing between the Common Market and the United States might be solved.

I have seen so many people in the last few days that I have not had an opportunity for a full discussion with Bill Burdett, who is here with the State Department group negotiating with the British for a future course of action in British Guiana.

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George Prill, the FAA officer recently assigned to the Embassy, explained to me the set-up of his functions as established here on September 1st. He is an Assistant Administrator for European, African, and Middle East regions. The previous field office has been removed from London. Negotiations carried on by FAA are even more dilatory than those with which I am familiar, since they never seem to reach a conclusion of a definitive nature.

I lunched at the John Wyndhams' with Kisty Hesketh and Prince Michel of Greece. John told several of his best Canadian and American stories. He said the Prime Minister's post-operative recovery had been entirely satisfactory, and Macmillan is in good spirits.

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For days, I have heard little else than talk, especially by newspaper correspondents, of all nationalities, on the prospects for the succession. For once, no one is sure of his predictions. My own views on the subject are mixed. The advantages and disadvantages of the candidates are, I think, fairly set forth in our biographical telegram.

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I was plagued last Friday by the stoppage of an American convoy on the Berlin autobahn.

I telephoned several times to George McGhee, and back and forth to Caccia. Meanwhile, telegrams poured in. Tommy Thompson summoned the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, Rusk sent a message to Gromyko, who is still in the United States, and Kohler made representations to the Soviet Foreign Office. While this went on, the convoy was prevented from advancing by Russian soldiers facing it with machine guns. I did not believe that the highest Soviet authorities could have given orders for a proceeding which, in itself picayune, could be so dangerous in its consequences. On Saturday the situation was cleared up, and the convoy allowed to proceed. Yesterday, a similar stoppage was imposed on a British convoy, and at the present time it remains in a state of suspended motion on the highway to Berlin.

The Saudi Arabian Ambassador came to see me this afternoon. Shaikh Hafiz Wahbz is about 75 years old. He was the first Saudi Arabian Minister to London in 1930, continued on and was appointed Ambassador in 1948, remaining here until 1956 when diplomatic relations were severed between the two countries. He thought he had been in the diplomatic service in London longer than any representative of any country during this century. He has four daughters married in Cairo, but this has not influenced his opinion that Nasser is a dangerous man

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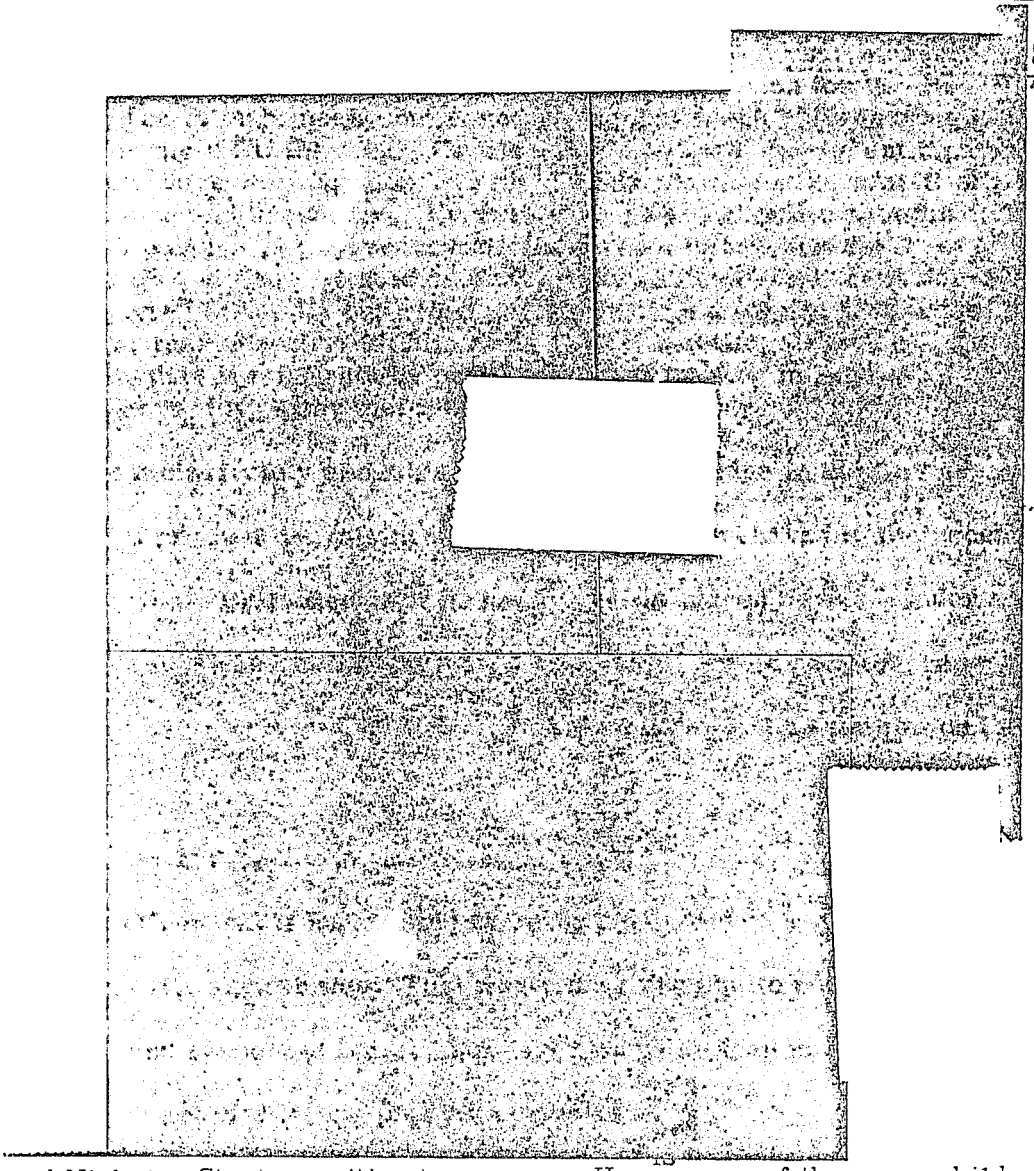
see the new Foreign Secretary. Butler had summoned the Ambassadors, and was meeting them one by one. I had a good talk with him,



I found Nicholas Strater waiting to see me. He was one of the many children of my old friend, the now famous painter, Henry Strater, who lives at Ogunquit Maine. Nicholas is a writer and producer of plays. He has engaged himself, with some associates, to bring over to America the Folies Bergere

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October 30, 1963 - Wednesday

I had a lunch today, at the instance of Fleur Meyer, in connection with the activities of the American Museum near Bath for the following people

Sir Harold Caccia
John Emmet, Bankers Trust Co.
Sherman Gray, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Emil Kekich, American Chamber of Commerce
William Lyons, PAA
Ian McCallum, American Museum in Britain
John Watts, Chase Manhattan Bank
Stuart Don, Chemical ~~Bank New York Trust Co.~~
Mrs. Thomas Meyer
Francis Mason
William Clark

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Fleur delivered a neat and persuasive discourse on the necessity of raising money from the American business community in Great Britain for this enterprise. There were over 80,000 visitors to it last year, and its success has aroused considerable attention. The running expenses amount to about $70,000 a year. The proposal has been made to expand its activities to include a good working library on American history and antiques, and also to provide for travelling exhibitions. We are having a show here next week at the Chancery of some of the best pieces.

I have been engaged in telephoning and telegraphing back and forth to Washington about George Ball's proposed visit here.

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November 5, 1963 - Tuesday

At the request of Bob Elson, Chief of the TIME Bureau here, I had arranged to meet the American business executives who are making a European tour under the auspices, and presumably at the expense, of TIME-LIFE. They have already been briefed by President Kennedy, and here in London by George Brown of the Labour Party, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Heath. They are leaving this afternoon for Moscow. For an hour and a half I talked and answered their questions, which were almost invariably of a penetrating and intelligent nature. Those present were as follows:

I went to a lunch at Grosvenor House, given by Gov. Kerner of Illinois and the Illinois Trade Mission, composed of executives of businesses employing fewer than 150 people. The Governor [redacted] once studied at Trinity College, Cambridge. I sat next to him at lunch, and found him one of the pleasantest companions I had met for a long time. I don't think he minded my reflecting this reaction in the language I used in introducing him to the audience of several hundred people.

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The culmination of my talks in Bordeaux, the Embassy in Paris, and with Tom Finletter since my return here, was a visit to Foreign Secretary Butler this afternoon. The question involved was that of implementing what is called NADGE--Nato Defense Ground Environment installations. B1 E.O.

Finletter [redacted] sent over this morning his Department of Defense assistant, Mr. Hooper, to brief me on the latest developments in this affair. I reported my conversations to Washington in the following telegram:

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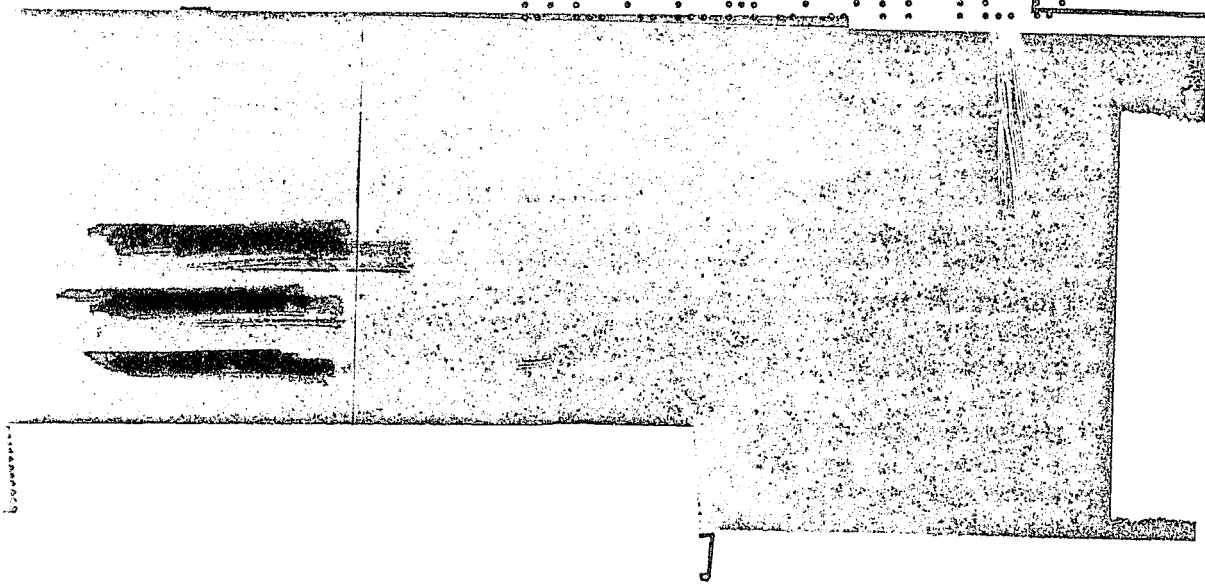

Willis Armstrong of BNA came to see me this afternoon. He is about to make a tour of our Consulates. We discussed various personnel problems. Francis McIntyre of Caltex called on me. He says that the new Dutch gas field is the second largest in the world, and will make a great contribution to the energy requirements of Western Europe, as well as to the further strengthening of Dutch finances.

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E and I attended a preview of the American Museum in Britain exhibition. Many objects from it are on display in our main reception hall. A great many scholars and men and women interested in art were there, including Lord Snowdon.

I got home with fifteen minutes in which to dress, in order to meet the guests we had invited for a dinner in honor of Helen and Walter Lippmann. It was a somewhat heterogeneous lot, in terms of British politics. After dinner, the men had an interesting discussion on various aspects of Anglo-American relations.

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The guests at dinner were:

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varied collection of friends and acquaintances. Amongst others, was Alexis Lachine, with whom I had a long talk about Bordeaux wines.

I received today the statistics drawn up for me each quarter about visitors to the Embassy, official lunches, dinners, receptions, and the rest. These figures do not include any private lunches, dinners, cocktail parties, weekend visits, or other affairs of a personal social nature.

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November 7, 1963 - Thursday

I had a talk with Joe Wagner this morning about the request of Mr. Kanza, Charge d'Affaires of the Congo, to see me urgently. This led us into a general discussion of African affairs. In most cases, deterioration - political and economic--continues.

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Walter Lippmann came to see me after he interviewed Butler. Walter has known the Foreign Secretary for a long time, and has a high opinion of him.

E and I lunched with Pamela and Michael Berry at their house. They had the Lippmanns, Mrs. Nigel Fisher (former MP), Selwyn Lloyd, Loelia, Duchess of Westminster, the Peregrine Worsthornes (Daily Telegraph), and Jo Grimond. The two big by-elections today, one where the Prime Minister is running in Scotland, and the other Luton, were canvassed at the table. Selwyn Lloyd thought the Conservatives would lose Luton by 2500 votes or worse. Grimond considered this figure a fair one. Grimond relaxed as ever, poked a good deal of fun at both Labour and Conservative personalities. He thinks if Labour comes to power they will model their parliamentary manners on the supposed ones of the Conservatives

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most useful during the war, because of their exceptional knowledge and relationships in the Orient.

They are famous in London for their Chinese servants and food; justifiably so, in view of the way we feasted tonight--course after course of delicacies, finishing with soup and champagne, leaving one with no sense of repletion. John has a fine collection of Chinese paintings on scrolls, many of which he unrolled for us, and of boxes fitted with musical chimes and other fancies.

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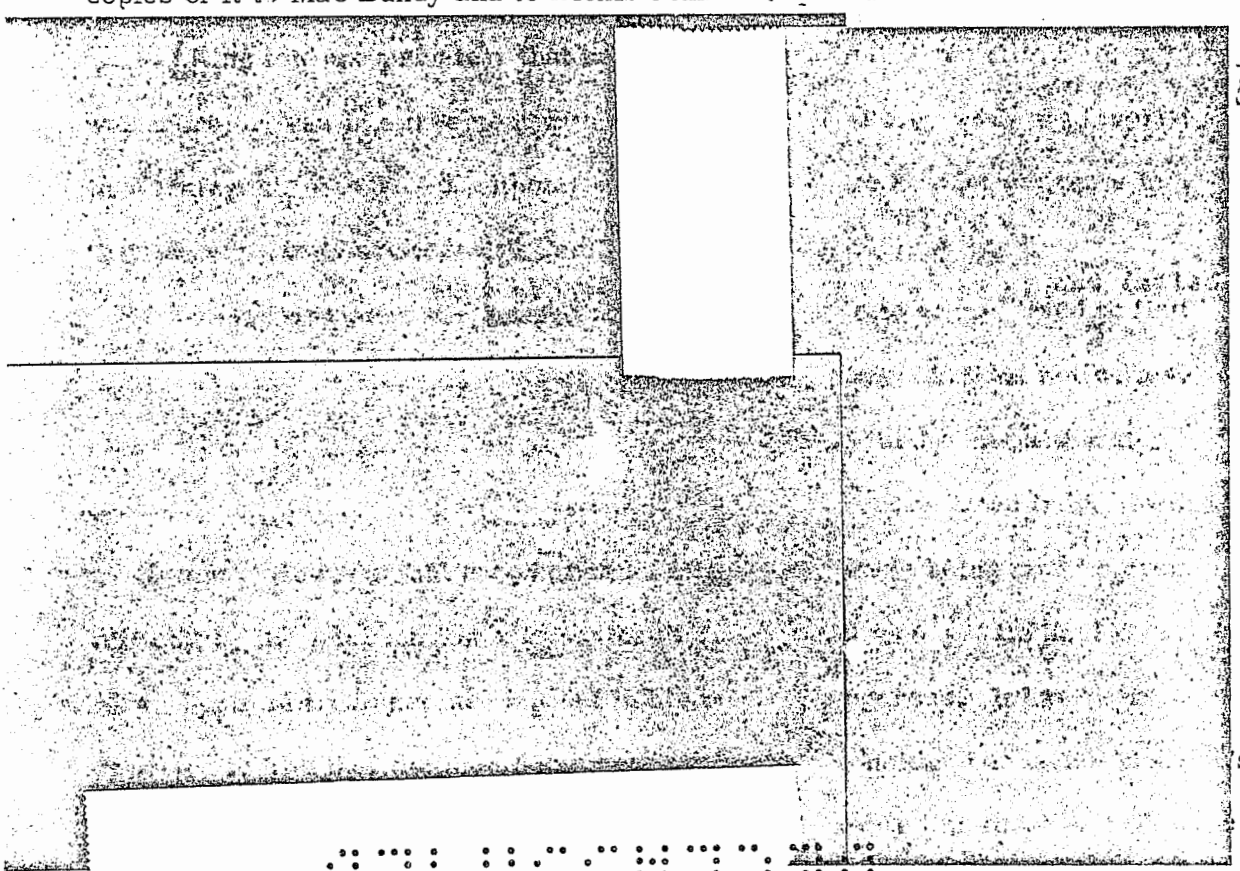
November 12, 1963 - Tuesday

I had a call from Cecil King this morning, saying he was sending me a letter about British Guiana. I received this later in the day, and forwarded copies of it to Mac Bundy and to Alexis Johnson. The letter was as follows:



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